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November 6, 2017

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SUTHERLAND SPRINGS MASS SHOOTING

AT LEAST 26 KILLED IN CHURCH SHOOTING

THE SCENE
First Baptist in small town near San Antonio.

THE VICTIMS
Deadliest shooting in Texas history also injures at least 20.

THE SUSPECT
News outlets ID him as Devin Kelley, 26, Air Force veteran.

Mona Rodriguez holds her son, J. Anthony Hernandez, 12, during a vigil after the shooting at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs on Sunday.

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SUTHERLAND SPRINGS — A small community Baptist church at the intersection of two country roads became the scene of the nation's latest mass shooting when a gunman opened fire on a worship service Sunday, leaving at least 26 people dead.

In what officials said is the deadliest shooting in Texas history, the gunman began his attack on worshippers at the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs about 11:20 a.m., sending them running for their lives into an open field and toward a nearby country store for safety.

At least 20 others were injured in the shooting, Texas Department of Public Safety regional commander Freeman Martin said. The ages of the victims ranged from 5 to 72, according to officials.

As word of what had happened spread

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INSIDE
State and national leaders react to the shooting, **A8**

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Carrie Matula (left) hugs Rebecca Metcalf, whose father was killed in the shooting. Matula said she saw everything as it happened from the gas station where she works.
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RUSSIA INVESTIGATION

Report: Commerce chief tied to firm in Putin orbit

By Bernard Condon
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Newly leaked documents show that Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, the Trump administration's point man on trade and manufacturing policy, has a stake in a company that does business with a gas producer partly owned by the son-in-law of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

According to records obtained by the International Consortium of Journalists, Ross is an investor in Navigator Holdings, a shipping giant that counts Russian gas and petrochemical producer Sibur among its major customers. Putin's son-in-law Kirill Shamalov once owned more than 20 percent of the company, but now holds a much smaller stake.

Wilbur Ross was named commerce secretary by President Donald Trump.

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STATESMAN INVESTIGATES RAPE ACCUSATION

Rape suspect kept driving for ride-hailing company

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For two months after he was accused of raping a passenger, an Austin man continued to pick up passengers for at least one major ride-hailing company in Central Texas.

Osmani Limonta Diaz, 40, was driving for local ride-hailing nonprofit RideAustin when he was accused of raping a female passenger in the back of his blue Dodge Dart on June 10. Diaz was arrested on a sexual assault charge Oct. 13.

Osmani Limonta Diaz is accused of raping a female passenger on June 10.

When police made RideAustin aware of the allegations against Diaz within a few weeks of the alleged incident, RideAustin "deactivated (the driver) from the RideAustin platform as well as proactively notified the other

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